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Art Unit: 2686

For: EXTRINSIC SIGNAL TO SHUNT AN  
ACOUSTIC DRIVER IN A CELLULAR  
TELEPHONE, PAGER OR THE LIKE

Examiner: Randy Peaches

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

These are comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance which accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed on March 6, 2006.

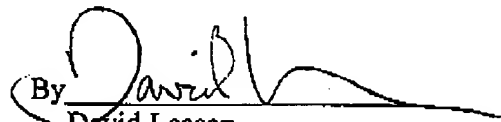
First, the Patent Examiner refers to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,343,212 (Weber et al.) and 6,421,544 (Sawada) as both being the closest prior art relevant to the claimed invention. However, Sawada has been cited as a secondary reference in combination with Weber et al., and Applicant does not consider it to be "the closest prior art" for that reason, and also for the reasons set forth in Applicant's comments on the record regarding the pertinence of Sawada.

Second, Applicant does not entirely understand the text of the paragraph starting with the phrase: "Although, in contrast with distinctly comparable differences, Weber et al. and Sawanda, in it's combination, are considered to constitute the state of the claimed invention." Applicant has no disagreement with this passage to the extent that it is meant to document the Examiner's determination that the proposed combination of Weber and Sawada constitute a hypothetical device with discernable differences in comparison to the claimed apparatus and method. Similarly, Applicant has no disagreement with the remainder of that paragraph which recites "however, neither represents the central method and mode of operation as disclosed by the Applicant's detailed Rebuttal to the Examiner's Response to Arguments," to the extent that it represents a statement, in the Examiner's words, that neither Weber nor Sawada nor the combination of these documents concerns a device or method which meets the method steps or mode of operation of the electronic device, as claimed, and that the instant allowance of the claims has been made in consideration of Applicant's detailed Rebuttal to the Examiner's Response to Arguments.

This understanding of the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is consistent with the allowance of the claims.

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